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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**  
**30-DAY REPORT BACK ON CONTRACT COMPLIANCE STATUS FOR**  
**THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFENDER MONITORING SYSTEM**

At the September 10, 2013 Board meeting, the Sheriff was requested to report back every 30 days on contract compliance and program updates for the Los Angeles County Offender Monitoring System (LACOMS) as provided by Sentinel Offender Services, LLC (Sentinel). The current status of the program is outlined below:

The LACOMS is currently monitoring 139 inmate workers assigned to 23 patrol stations and 8 inmates assigned to treatment service centers utilizing Global Positioning System (GPS) and Radio Frequency (RF) technology. The program continues to operate successfully with Sentinel technicians providing daily installation services.

During the month of February, Sentinel completed the installation of four commercial grade cell boosters/repeaters at the following locations: Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita Valley, and Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Stations (Stations). These installations were completed at no cost to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). Each of these Stations now have enhanced cell signal capability streaming from the inmate worker's GPS unit. Sentinel monitored the activity from the installation at the four Stations and observed a 10 to 15 percent improvement in signal quality overall. Given these four Stations were the most challenged, based on their remote location and the physical layout of the buildings, only a moderate increased rate of signal strength was expected. During the month of April, Sentinel will install the cellular booster/repeaters at East Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, and Walnut Sheriff's

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Stations, which have been deemed to have "fair" cellular coverage by Sentinel. It is anticipated that a significant increase in cellular coverage will be realized.

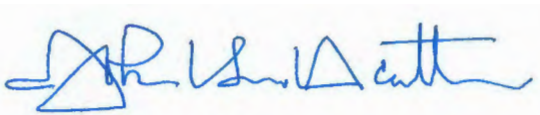
Sentinel has also provided external battery packs to each of the Stations that have received the cellular booster/repeater equipment. The battery packs will be beneficial for Stations where the inmate workers are limited to a power outlet and/or inside a concrete and steel facility. The external battery pack will also help extend the battery life of the GPS unit.

Sentinel has monthly meetings with LACOMS personnel and responds quickly to all oral and written communications. Sentinel provided, at no cost to the Department, four new Samsung Android phones to be utilized by the Department's Community Transition Unit compliance team to help facilitate these communications.

During the month of February, personnel assigned to the LACOMS program conducted random audits of 37 LACOMS participants utilizing Sentinel's web-based monitoring system "Sentrak." There were 25 low battery alerts and 17 tamper alerts. The tamper alerts were the results of the ankle monitor being removed by the Station jailer prior to the inmate returning to the Department's Inmate Reception Center (IRC) for release or for disciplinary issues. Sentinel contacted the station jailers and the treatment service center representatives notifying them of all alerts received.

The cost to the Department for GPS monitoring for the month of February was \$17,807.94. Should you have any questions, please contact Chief Eric G. Parra, Custody Services Division, General Population, at (213) 893-5017.

Sincerely,



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